



## NUCLEAR VICTIMS REMEMBRANCE DAY

Geneva Commemoration, 6 March 2026

### “Añin Jitbon Mar” – Spiritual Calling from our Islands

In commemoration of our national Nuclear Victims Remembrance Day, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, in collaboration with the Caux Initiatives of Change Foundation and the World Council of Churches, will host an event from **2.00pm to 3.00pm** on **Friday, 06 March 2026** at **Maison de la Paix, Petale 5, 9th Floor**. The event will be an opportunity to share our story with the international community and feature a diverse panel of speakers, including:

**Moderator:** *Augustine Sokimi, Legal Counsel, Permanent Mission of the Marshall Islands*

**Speakers:** *Ignacio Packer, Executive Director, Caux Initiative of Change*  
*Abacca Anjain- Maddison, Survivor*  
*Selina Leem, Activist, Nuclear Justice and Climate Justice*  
*Bernard Duhaime, Special Rapporteur on truth, justice reparations and guarantees of non-recurrence (Video)*  
*Jennifer Philpot Nissen, Human Rights and Disarmament, World Council of Churches*

**Keynote address:** *H.E. Dr. Hilda Heine, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (Video)*

**Spiritual Call:** *John Taukave, Pacific Cultural Arts, PhD candidate, University of Amsterdam*

This year’s NVRD theme “Añin Jitbon Mar”, translates to “Spiritual Calling from our Islands” signifying a call from the Marshallese people for global solidarity in the pursuit of nuclear justice.

### Global Solidarity for Nuclear Justice

The Nuclear Victims Remembrance Day of the Marshall Islands is commemorated annually on 01 March. This year marks the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the *Castle Bravo Test*, the largest nuclear weapon ever detonated by the United States of America that caused catastrophic human rights and humanitarian consequences for the Marshallese people. This year’s commemoration is also significant as we approach 80 years since the US nuclear weapons testing program began in the Marshall Islands, on 01 July 1946. The legacy of the 67 known nuclear weapons tests between 1946 and 1958 has caused transgenerational human rights violations and challenges, affecting our right to life, right to health, right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, and right to self-determination, among others.

The theme “Añin Jitbon Mar” (Spiritual Calling from our Islands) is inspired by the recognition that the Marshallese experience with nuclear weapons is an atrocity to humanity and calls for a universal response. The Marshallese people appeal to the global community's conscience to acknowledge, address, and seek justice for the lasting human rights violations caused by the nuclear legacy. The messages from the Marshallese people are as follows:

- **Remember and Honor:** Commemorate the victims and survivors, their lives and sacrifices.
- **Human Rights and Justice:** Recognize our nuclear legacy as a continuing, unaddressed violation of fundamental human rights, demanding accountability and justice.
- **Resilience and Future:** Support us in our pursuit of nuclear justice, strengthening the unwavering resolve of the Marshallese people.
- **Karreo (Cleansing):** Advance truth, accountability and redress through honesty, meaningful dialogue, empathy, greater solidarity, cooperation and collective action towards pragmatic durable solutions.